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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
TAKASHI IKEDA ) Examiner: VanThu Nguyen  
Application No.: 09/973,057 ) Group Art Unit: 2824  
Filed: October 10, 2001 )  
For: MAGNETORESISTIVE )  
ELEMENT, AND MAGNETIC )  
MEMORY USING THE SAME ) May 1, 2003

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 1, 2003, imposing an election requirement in the above-identified application.

REMARKS

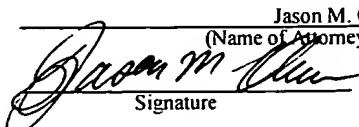
The Examiner has required election of a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits in this case. The Examiner alleged the existence of 9 patentably distinct species:

Species I: Claims 1 and 2;

Species II: Claims 1 and 3;

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